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Ministerial Personals

Rev. P. J. Robinson died at Littleton, N. H., on May 4. He was educated for the Methodist ministry and joined our fellowship some twenty years ago, serving our churches at Westerly, R. I., Windsor, Vt., and for the last thirteen years at Littleton.

Rev. E. S. Hodgin has resigned at Los Angeles, Cal., to accept a call to New Bedford, Mass.

Rev. George Kent has resigned at New Orleans, La., Rev. H. C. Merrill at Harvard, Mass., Rev. A. R. Hussey at Lowell, Mass., and Rev. J. A. Hayes at Bolton, Mass.

Rev. G. Pierce has resigned at Green Harbor, Mass., to accept a call to Warwick, Mass.

Rev. A. T. Brown has accepted a call to Wollaston, Mass., Rev. B. F. Allen to Needham, Mass., Rev. Otto Lyding to Nashua, N. H., and Rev. M. E. Muder to Westwood, Mass.

Rev. H. R. Orr will next winter add to his duties as Associate Secretary of the Department of Religious Education the charge of the church in Evanston, Ill.

Rev. Hurley Begun was installed minister at Bedford, Mass., on April 28th and Rev. J. W. Macdonald at Lincoln, Neb., on May 9.

Rev. C. A. Wing was installed minister at Springfield, Mass., and Rev. E. J. Bowden at Milford and Wilton, N. H., on May 12.

Rev. V. B. Silliman has resigned at Iowa City, Ia., to accept a call to Alton, Ill.

Rev. C. V. Lambert has resigned at Humboldt, Ia., to accept a call to Hinsdale, Ill.

Church Buildings

Extensive repairs and improvements have been completed in the church building at Whitman, Mass., and are now starting in the churches at Sherborn, Mass., Sioux City, Ia., and Lawrence, Kan. The new churches at Lowell, Mass., and Montclair, N. J., are approaching completion and the reconstruction of the church at Newton Center, Mass., is beginning. The Society at Orlando, Fla., will build a parsonage this summer and the church in St. Paul, Minn., is constructing a commodious Parish House.

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Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting the Association elected its officers and directors; heard the reports of the treasurer and secretary; listened to inspiring addresses from eight workers in the field; approved the organization and expectations of the new Campaign Committee; and passed resolutions extending greetings to the President on the fulfilment of twenty years of service; expressing appreciation of the work of the Laymen's League; endorsing the Unitarian Campaign; urging appropriate celebration of the Pilgrim Tercentenary; sending greetings to the Hicksite Friends and to the British Unitarians; approving the work of the Relief Unit in Transylvania; endorsing the work of the Interdenominational Committees for the Protection of Religious Minorities in Europe; petitioning for the pardon of those who are suffering punishment under wartime legislation for the expression of their religious convictions; urging co-operation with the efforts of the Unitarian Temperance Society; asking for the publication of the report on the Pennsylvania steel strike; petitioning Congress to take no action upon the Irish question which would endanger the friendship between Britain and America, on which rests the world's chief hope of peace; and renewing the affirmation that in the practice of the Golden Rule will be found the real and final solution of the problems of industrial unrest and national rivalry.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Association showed an income from contributions of something over $66,000; an income from investments, including the funds held in trust for purposes related to the work of the Association, of something over $136,000; gifts and bequests as additions to permanent funds of $272,000; $10,000 received for ministerial pensions; $31,000 repayments on the loans of the Church Building Loan Fund; some $9,000 from miscellaneous sources. The payments showed expenditures for missionary purposes and maintenance of the work of some $70,000: $10,000 in the Department of Foreign Relations; $21,000 in the Publication Department; $32,000 in investments in church properties; $41,000 to special beneficiaries of the trust funds; and so on, through a long list of payments, leaving a small sum on the right side in the balance.

The gifts and bequests to establish permanent funds are always peculiarly interesting. The largest bequest of the year was the house and land at 16 Beacon Street, Boston, which is valued at $107,000. $50,000 came in the bequest of Mr. Samuel H. Tingley of Providence. $35,000 was added to the bequest of Mrs. Maria D. Evans of Beverly. The Ministerial Aid Fund was increased by the bequest of $15,000 from Mrs. J. G. Freeman of Weston. Among the funds for special causes were the Francis B. Hill Fund of $5,000, the income for the benefit of All Souls' Unitarian Church, Colorado Springs, Col.; the Hannah Dean Miller Fund of $9,763, the income for the benefit of the First Unitarian Society of Geneseo, Ill.; the Edmund S. Read Fund of $5,000 for the benefit of the Highland Springs, Va., Society; the Louis B. Carr Fund of $2,500 for the benefit of the Unitarian Society of Passaic, N. J.; the Jed Frye Fund of $5,000, the income of which is available for purposes of ministerial relief.

The Department reports carried the usual information about the detailed work of the Association. No justice can be done to this work in a brief summary. Tract publication and distribution cost something over $17,000, and the production totalled some 378,000 copies. Nine new tracts were added to the different series. The *Christian Register* was liberally sustained, the *Year Book* published at a cost of something over $1,000, and

10,000 copies of the *Annual Report* distributed at a cost of something over $2,000. The Department reported the publication of ten new books in the course of the year, the mailing of 58,000 circulars, the sale of 29,924 volumes, the production of nearly 836,000 sheets of periodicals, pamphlets, etc. Five thousand copies of each issue of *Word and Work* have been distributed and nearly 10,000 copies of *The Beacon* printed each month.

The report of the Department of Religious Education noted the removal of the offices of the Department from 25 Beacon Street to commodious quarters on the second floor of 16 Beacon Street; the addition to the staff of Rev. Hugh R. Orr as Associate Secretary especially in charge of the Chicago office; the work of Miss Phillips as field supervisor in the South; the visit of the Associate Secretary, Miss Buck, to the Pacific Coast; the journey of the Secretary of the Department to Syria and Armenia; the week-end institutes held in many churches, and the three Summer Institutes for teacher training held in the summer of 1919.

The Department of New Americans made record of the work among the Finnish, Norwegian, Icelandic and Italian churches and peoples.

The report of the Department of Foreign Relations noted our intercourse and co-operation in the work in Japan, in Egypt, in Italy; communication with our friends in Holland, in New Zealand, in India; the visit of the Secretary of the Association to the British and Irish churches during the summer of 1919; and the sending of the Relief Unit to Transylvania.

The report of the Department of Comity and Fellowship made record of the co-operation of the Association with the Massachusetts Federation of Churches; with the National Federation of Religious Liberals; with the General Theological Library; with the Mayflower Council and with the efforts of the officers of the Association to carry out one of the constitutional purposes: "to promote unity, sympathy and co-operation among liberal Christians."

The Publicity Department reported upon the different campaigns for publicity which have been conducted during the year and particularly on the growth and use of the Wayside Pulpit.

The Committee on the Recruiting of the Ministry reported that it was in touch with sixty-seven candidates for our ministry; twenty-one of these men have either applied for entrance into our fellowship or are now studying at our theological schools; eight have entered our ministry.

The Library Committee reported upon the extensive use of the loan library, the circulation of the Pilgrim Tercentenary slides and of the older sets of slides.

The Committee on Ministerial Aid reported the grant of sums to 105 ministers and widows of ministers, amounting to over $8,000; that the income of the Chandler Robbins Fund had been a help to four persons eligible under the terms of the trust; and that the Association had discharged its duties as trustee of the Endowment Fund of the Unitarian Service Pension Society, pensions to the amount of over $12,000 having been distributed to qualified beneficiaries.

The Committee on Church Building Loan Fund reported that nine societies had completed payment of their loans during the year and that five new loans to the amount of $13,000 had been made. There are now outstanding loans to sixty-four churches, and the total amount loaned since the foundation of the Fund has been $680,000 made in 248 loans.

The officers of the Association reported upon their, and their represenatives', varied duties and extended journeys visiting and encouraging the churches. These journeys have ex-

tended more than half way around the globe: to Tokyo in one direction and to Damascus in the other.

Department of Religious Education

The Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Sunday School Society, held on Thursday of Anniversary Week, indicated, both by the size of the audiences and the interest shown, the growing appreciation of the need of religious preparation for life. Mr. Bradford's report for the Committee on Religion in the Home pointed out how essential it is that the home, the school and the church work together in a common effort to prepare the rising generation for life in the new era. The Committee on Sunday School Extension reported an active year. By its co-operating with the Alliance, Miss Mary N. Phillips has been sent as field supervisor to some of our Southern churches. The widening of the activities of the Sunday School forces as represented in the Department of Religious Education was indicated by reports from Miss Phillips regarding her work in the South, Rev. Hugh R. Orr, who is now Western Secretary with headquarters at Chicago, and Dr. Florence Buck who gave an account of her recent tour on the Pacific Coast. The President called attention to the fact that during the ten years of his administration the invested funds of the Society had increased 180%. The morning session closed with a stirring appeal by Rev. Minot Simons.

At the afternoon session Dr. Paul S. Leinbach, of Philadelphia, gave an address which roused great interest. This was followed by an exhibition of moving pictures shown to illustrate the use of this agency in teaching religion and morals. Several of our schools and churches are preparing to install moving picture apparatus. This agency is highly commended by the Department of Religious Education, but it is advised that persons intending to introduce it should first make a careful study of the matter. Rapid changes are taking place in the process of making and showing pictures which promise greatly to reduce their cost and to eliminate the danger of fire. It is highly important, also, that influence shall be brought to bear to regulate the moving picture business so that it will promote rather than detract from the general welfare. It is the intention of the Department to make a study of this matter and to report its findings to our schools.

The Wayside Pulpit and Publicity

By means of the Associated Press, as well as the Boston Daily Newspapers, the story of the Unitarian Meetings of Anniversary Week have gone far and wide. The clippings showing the extent to which this story has been printed in American newspapers reveal a wide-spread interest in our activities and our plans. A scrapbook has been prepared in which are assembled the results of the publicity through the Boston newspapers and it shows that this work has been very successful. Tangible results are impressive in quality and in quantity. This publicity is very important because the big Unitarian Campaign was definitely launched in Anniversary Week. The minds of the people of our fellowship and those who are friendly to us have been prepared for the gigantic task which our fellowship has assumed. A fellowship such as ours, with churches scattered over so wide an area, is in a large measure dependent upon the printed work and it is important for our local churches, as well as for our national organizations, to reach people in this way.

Churches are strongly urged to make arrangement for the regular use of the sheets during the vacation period. While many of our churches are closed for several weeks during the summer, it is important to have the Wayside Pulpit preaching continuously. It should not be difficult to arrange with someone who will post a new sheet every week and thus give continuous utterance to our message.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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Anniversary Week

Whereas:—The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women of the United States and Canada is here in Conference happily assembled

And whereas:—Our sisters of the liberal faith across the seas are deprived of most of the joys with which we in America are abundantly blessed

Be it resolved:—That The Alliance shall send affectionate greetings to the British League of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women, the Geneva Section of the Union of Liberal Women in Switzerland, the Women's Alliance of Hungary, Miss Van Eck of Holland, Madame Loyson of France, Signora Giulio-Benso of Italy, Miss Westenholz of Denmark, and Fräulein Barth of Germany.

And be it further resolved:—That The Alliance shall express the hope that the fellowship already established between it and its foreign sisters may develop a spiritual and sympathetic co-operation strong enough to help in creating a better understanding among peoples, an understanding so earnestly desired in these anxious days of transition and reconstruction by serious men and women throughout the world who are striving for and working for a new standard of civilization.

This resolution offered by Mrs. Voigt, chairman of the International Committee, was unanimously adopted by the members present at the 30th annual business meeting of The Alliance held in Tremont Temple, Boston, Wednesday morning, May 26.

The meeting opened with the devotional service prepared for The Alliance and conducted by Miss Lowell. The annual reports of President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer were presented and may be read in the new Manual.

Mrs. Davis was greeted with great applause, the large audience springing to their feet in loving recognition of her noble service of thirty years.

Mr. Ernest G. Adams, Executive Chairman of the Unitarian Campaign Committee, paid tribute to The Alliance as the parent of the Laymen's League and its ideal, because of its consecrated loyalty. He made a vigorous appeal for the co-operation of The Alliance in carrying forward the drive for $3,000,000 to collect power now going to waste, for the advancement of the whole denomination, to spread the basic principles of Unitarianism, and make men feel their responsibility to God and the need of their co-operation that His great plan may succeed.

Miss Lowell then introduced Miss Grace Mitchell, Fellowship Secretary of the British League, and the audience rose to greet our honored guest.

Miss Mitchell said in part: "I bring most loving greetings from the British League to each and all and to the Alliance branches throughout America, and I desire to express to you our wish to draw closer to you that we may know each other better and go forward to strengthen the faith to which we belong and do the great work we have at heart. I thank you for inviting me as your guest. It has been a wonderful experience in the four weeks I have been here going up and down trying to bring the League nearer to you. We meet together in great days. We would not forget the suffering and the sacrifices of the past few years, but we all have one thought in our hearts, to build up a better and more Christlike civilization, and to dedicate our lives to this, in ourselves and our homes, in our towns and country, and then between

peoples. Christianity is the hope of the world. We rejoice together in our Unitarian faith, the Christianity of Christ as I think, simple but deep as life. We are God's children, born of His love; all others are His children, too, and we must learn to do them right and justice."

Miss Mitchell then spoke of our responsibility to our young people, in the family, in the church home, in Sunday School, and Alliance. "We must make the child realize what God is, what religion is, and feel that prayer is the vital part. When our churches are homes of the spirit where prayer comes first, and when our homes are that too, we shall meet the longing of many young souls. Our young people long for the larger fellowship, too, and the consciousness of one household of faith. When they are grown up and move away from us, we have a grave responsibility to hold them wherever they go. We must ask that a strong light from God, like the spring sunshine, may come into our lives." Miss Mitchell's words were received with great appreciation and her appeal went straight to the heart of her audience.

The Rev. Florence Buck spoke of the new co-operative effort between The Alliance and the Religious Education Department to strengthen our Sunday Schools. What has been done the past year in sending a field worker for week-ends in New England, and for a longer stay in the South, should be continued and enlarged. Miss Buck spoke of the training school for leaders to be held at Chicago this summer, and also of a three weeks' course at Chautauqua for Sunday School teachers August 2-20, a movement of great promise because truly interdenominational. Alliance members may help by sending one or more of their teachers to this institute.

The Rev. Harold E. B. Speight, of Berkeley, Calif., urged that the college town work be made an important part of the Unitarian Campaign for Funds. The universities are preparing leaders with vision, of intellectual and spiritual freedom. We have much to offer the student, he has much to add to our cause. There should be a national, even international policy, to guide our steps to meet this challenge. We cannot afford to neglect the opportunity to use our influence as an organization, to help prepare for the intelligent trained leadership of tomorrow.

The report of the Credential committee showed 410 accredited delegates, and 46 life members. Of these 443 were present, 13 credentials being received by mail; 25 states and Canada, 209 branches, were represented, and six Associate branches. The states were: Maine, 9 delegates; New Hampshire, 21; Vermont, 4; Massachusetts, 264; Rhode Island, 10; Connecticut, 1; New York, 27; New Jersey, 6; Pennsylvania, 4; Delaware, 1; Maryland, 3; District of Columbia, 5; Canada, 3; South Carolina, 1; Florida, 1; Kentucky, 2; Tennessee, 1; Ohio, 6; Michigan, 3; Illinois, 1; Missouri, 1; Nebraska, 1; Colorado, 1; Washington, 1; Oregon, 1; California, 6.

At the opening of the meeting Miss Lowell presented to the audience three vice-presidents from New England, Middle States and Middle West, respectively, and directors from New York, Maryland, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska, and California.

At 2.30 p.m. occurred the public meeting in the same place. The Rev. Eugene R. Shippen conducted a devotional service of scripture and prayer. Miss Lowell introduced in place of the Rev. Ludwell Denny, who was unable to be present, Rev. Hurley Begun, of Bedford, Mass., as the first graduate of the Pacific School for the Ministry to address us. The subject was "Our Twentieth Century Situation and its Duties," and the first speaker discussed the industrial side, showing that the industrial machine

has trampled on the rights of the human soul. The new emancipation of the human spirit is freedom from economic tyranny. The first great need is a personal human contact. employer and employee must understand each other better. Brotherhood should begin within our churches, men must be won from the lure of business to the love of God. We need men and women aflame with the love of human kind. We need a great new national ideal, to make religion spread through the width and depth of the country.

Rev. Francis Raymond Sturtevant, of Taunton, Mass., made an eloquent plea for more patriotism and a better, the patriotism of peace. We should set our house in order and undertake the task, long neglected, of Americanization, but not in a way to crush individuality. We need to get over the melting pot idea, the customs of foreigners are valuable to us and dear to them, we need not uniformity but unity, union in a single family. We should not leave the alien in misunderstanding but appeal to the honest, well-meaning majority for this unity of the nations; then we should work for the reconciling of peoples. Patriotism does not consist in vilifying another country, the nations should live together in neighborly relations of amity and peace. And we should begin with trying to counteract a propaganda of hatred against Great Britain that is being spread. To remove misunderstanding within and without our national home, to Americanize all America, and to maintain the stability of international friendship, this is not a duty, but a devotion.

Rev. George R. Dodson, Ph.D., of St. Louis, Mo., showed that social evolution is the way for the Western World. The mind must be equipped with the best knowledge of the time, must know what to do next, and do it. The first lesson is obedience. Young people at first must be subject to the laws and customs that make society possible, then the instinct of independence dawns, and between authority and freedom is a trying time. We should regard it not as lawlessness, but a stage in life. It is the same with peoples; many immigrants are in stage 1, and patience and understanding are needed. Creative work comes only from those who have reached the third stage, having passed through the period of revolt and recovered a tranquil attitude on great political and social questions. Such sane leaders we should support. Our first social duty is to understand the situation, then we shall ourselves have less fear and we can appeal to the inextinguishable love of good in man.

Mrs. Claude U. Gilson made an appeal in behalf of International Fellowship, showing the need of community of spiritual thought and faith. After speaking of the work that is now going on and the friendly relations with the British League, and the women of Switzerland, Hungary, Holland, France, Italy, Denmark, and Germany, Mrs. Gilson asked for a generous contribution from which to bring over visitors to the Tercentenary meetings in October, Mrs. Blake Odgers of the British League and Mme. Loyson of France, and others if the funds are sufficient. The result of the collection for the International Fellowship Fund, which immediately followed Mrs. Gilson's appeal was $570.85. Further gifts may be sent to Mrs. Noyes, Treas., 25 Beacon St.

The meeting closed with a benediction by Mr. Shippen. Thanks to a corps of firm and faithful ushers the rule that the doors be kept closed during the addresses was followed, which contributed greatly to the comfort of the audience of over 2,000. Only those who were left outside the doors were unhappy.

Executive Board

The meeting of the Executive Board held in the Fifield Memorial Room, May 21, was made memorable by the

presence of Miss Mitchell of the British League. The attendance of members from states far from New England emphasized anew the extent of our fellowship.

The President told of her visit to Colorado, Salt Lake City, and Omaha branches, and spoke of the inspiration it is to her to come in touch with such groups of workers. She called attention to the coming Unitarian Campaign, religious, educational, financial.

The Appeals Committee reported its approval of an Appeal for $2,000 for the Carolina Industrial School to be entered on the regular Appeals list. It was voted to endorse this recommendation.

On the recommendation of the Library Committee a letter of appreciation and gratitude was voted to Rev. Florence Buck and Rev. Marion Murdoch for a generous gift of books to the Circulating Library.

The Cheerful Letter report told of a gift from the workers, of a couple of book ends for the Fifield Memorial Room, in loving remembrance of the warm interest shown by Mrs. Fifield in the Cheerful Letter Exchange. A vote of thanks was offered for this gift.

Mrs. C. T. Shewell of St. Louis, was elected to succeed Miss Bayle as director for Missouri.

The death of Mrs. Chamberlain, Western Vice-President, on April 11, was announced. Later Mrs. Hueston read an appreciation, a copy of which was sent to Mrs. Chamberlain's family.

The death of Mrs. Moriarty, a former director from Holyoke, Mass., was reported, together with the word received from her husband of her never failing interest in The Alliance.

The President was empowered to appoint a committee to arrange for Alliance day at the Isles of Shoals, July 7. Mrs. Barry and Miss Mary H. Bellows were named.

Miss Grace Mitchell, of London, was cordially welcomed. At her request all rose for a moment of silent prayer. The Fellowship work of the British League was described, showing how every effort is made to hold in touch with their religion the girls who go out from the home church. The loving thought that follows them means everything to the girls themselves. Another work of the British League is that of Friendly Links, by which people are linked together in friendly correspondence, and so help to build up good will in the world and enthusiasm in their household of faith.

On the recommendation of the New York League it was voted that a committee on Fellowship be formed in The Alliance, the work to be carried on along the line suggested by Miss Mitchell. Also that a committee on Friendly Links be appointed. The President is to appoint these committees.

The Board took a recess for luncheon together at the Women's City Club with Miss Mitchell as the guest of honor.

Two new branches were announced: Tyngsboro, Mass., Mrs. A. C. White, President; and the Evening Alliance of Greater Boston, Miss Mallie J. Floyd, 56 Magnolia Street, Dorchester, President.

A telegram of love and appreciation was sent to Mrs. Davis, who was unavoidably kept at home.

A greeting was sent to Mrs. Van Alstyne, with the assurance that the report of her visit to Tokyo, Japan, will be awaited, though delayed by her change of plans.

Greetings were received from the Khasi Hills Unitarian Union of India.

Miss Breed brought greetings from Kentucky, Mrs. Holdrege from Nebraska, Mrs. Hueston from Illinois, Mrs. Nichols from Western New York, Miss Ranstead from Maryland, and Mrs. Wyckoff from Northern California. Greetings were sent in turn to all the branches represented by these directors.

The annual reports of committees were wonderfully inspiring, for the story of work achieved and for the vision of future expansion which each suggested.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Junior Fellowship Notes

Here are four brief reports from Junior groups, beginning with the one so recently organized:

Pittsburgh, Pa. We plan to take an active part in the social work of the church and to do what we can towards cementing church friendships. For the present we meet every Wednesday afternoon and conduct our business meeting, and we expect immediately to take up some craft work and read some good books together. Our organization is still so young that we have little to report, but our hopes are great.

Fall River, Mass. Fifty-two May baskets were made for the Alliance May festival. Five dollars was sent to the Unitarian Pension Fund. Seventeen petticoats were completed and sent to the Belgian Relief in Boston. We are now working on four dozen linen towels for a Day Nursery in Fall River.

Concord, N. H. A play entitled "A Happy Day" was given with great success by the Juniors. A gift of three pictures has been made to the church. Last June we gave a picnic for the Church School, and at our meeting on June 6 the seniors were our guests. When the Unitarian Boys' Club was formed we made them a present of $5. A supper and dance was given by the Juniors with the members of the Boys' Club as guests. The flowers for the church for two months were chosen by a Junior Committee. A Christmas tree with gifts was given to a poor family. We added $20 to our treasury by giving a Food Sale. Five dollars was sent to each of the following: the American Unitarian Association, the Charity Organization for Thanksgiving, and to the Red Cross; $10 was given to the senior branch; and $35 has been paid for the rent of our church pews. We now have 22 members.

Jamaica Plain, Mass. In January we gave a play, "The Birds' Christmas Carol" and made $91. We have given $10 to the Hungarian Relief; $8.65 to buy a low table for one of our younger Sunday School classes; $2 to the Endowment Fund of the First Church in Roxbury; and $5 each to the American Unitarian Association, the Ministers' Pension Fund, the District Nurse, the Friendly Society, the Neighborhood House, and the Floating Hospital.

After our opening service was chosen as a model for other Junior Alliances, we presented a copy to each Junior president.

Eight of our members attended the April meeting of the New England Associate Alliance, where our president read our annual report.

On May 6 a luncheon was given to Miss Grace Mitchell of London, Fellowship Secretary of the British League, at the National Arts Club; it was attended by the officers of the League. This was followed by a reception to her, given at the Parish House of the Messiah Branch, at which the new President of the League, Mrs. Frank C. Doan, of Summit, N. J., presided. Miss Mitchell gave an extended talk on the Fellowship Committee of the British League. Rev. John Haynes Holmes, pastor of the church, spoke of the necessity of cementing the bonds of friendship between this country and Great Britain, especially at this time, when so many mischief-makers are abroad, trying to set these two countries at variance with each other. A resolution was adopted to recommend to the Executive Board of The Alliance that a Fellowship Committee similar to that of the British League be established in this country so that a friendly spirit

of co-operation may stretch across the sea, and indissoluble bonds be woven between the two countries.

On May 13, Mrs. Anna F. Dakin, chairman of the Post Office Mission of The Alliance, was entertained by Mrs. J. Burnet Nash at her home, where Mrs. Dakin addressed the officers of the League and branch presidents and Post Office Mission chairman. The address made every one realize the importance of the Post Office Mission, and what a power for good it is in the world.

On May 14 the League met in the Church of Our Father in Rutherford, N. J., and although the rain fell in torrents, the little church was filled to its capacity. The program read: "The development of team work for women, dramatically presented in five episodes." The large attendance and the thorough enjoyment showed that it is a good thing to go out of the beaten track, especially if there is the sound substratum of common sense, and a true conception of the times portrayed.

HARRIET FRANCES FOWLER.

The Northern California Associate Alliance

On March 13 the Sacramento Alliance acted as gracious hostess for the spring meeting of this Associate Alliance. Delegates were present from Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland, Palo Alto, San José, San Francisco, and Stockton. After a meeting of the executive board a delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses. While at table, reports were received from the several branches. A telegram of congratulations was voted to Dr. Gannett in recognition of his 80th birthday. The afternoon session began with a devotional service conducted by the Rev. Charles Pease. Mrs. Baldwin, national Vice-President, read a poem on "Faith." After the regular business Miss Peek spoke of San Francisco Headquarters, urging all to make greater use of it. It was voted to send $5.00 to the Carolina Industrial School and to ask the branches to add their several contributions. It was voted to give $10 to the "Pacific Unitarian" and an earnest plea was entered for its generous support.

Rev. Florence Buck gave the address of the afternoon on the "Ideals of Religion," a most helpful and inspiring talk. The Rev. H. E. B. Speight of Berkeley spoke on the "Young People of the Church." The announcement that Mrs. Wyckoff had been invited by the Travel committee of The Alliance to attend the May Meetings in Boston was received with applause. It was voted to invite Miss Spalding of Los Angeles to attend the autumn meeting, which will be held in Oakland.

Post Office Mission

In April our committee asked to have sermons printed by parishes and stored in parish houses sent to headquarters in order that they might be given wide circulation. Many have been received and will be divided between Boston, New York, Chicago, and San Francisco.

As most of our committees omit sending sermons during the summer it was thought best to begin the distribution of these exchange sermons next fall. All Post Office Mission workers are advised to read the October number of WORD AND WORK as in it there will be a list of sermons to be had from the headquarters in the four sections of the country.

Marblehead Fair

The annual summer fair of the Marblehead Alliance and the New Dorcas Society will be held in the church parlors Wednesday, July 21, opening at 10.30 a.m. All friends interested in the little church in Marblehead will be warmly welcomed.

Appeals stand as follows:

Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	$1,000
Carolina Industrial School	2,000
Nashville, Tenn.	717
International Fellowship Fund	unlimited.
Unitarian Hungarian Relief	unlimited.

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Messages to Our Young People

With an attendance of over two hundred, with twice as many delegates as were present last year, our twenty-fourth Annual Meeting could not be otherwise than successful.

The following extracts from letters sent by Mr. J. Harry Hooper and Miss Dorothy Dyer were read at the Annual Meeting on May 28:

"Let us in the next twelve months take a distinct step forward. Let us call to our ranks those Unitarian young people not organically connected with our societies. Let us organize, in those churches where no such societies exist, a concerted effort for an expression in the Unitarian faith of the youthful spirit. Let the spirit of co-operation be the dominant note of the year. We need the church and the church needs us. Co-operation is based upon sympathy and sympathy upon a thorough knowledge. Thus let us resolve that every Unitarian, young and old, in this broad land of ours shall understand not only the place and promise of the individual society, but also appreciate the broader scope and purpose of the national body. Let us one and all set ourselves to a higher personal ideal. In these efforts should we strive as never before that the close of this first quarter-century may see our numbers increased, the effects of our work made more positive and a still higher type of Unitarian youth emerge."

J. Harry Hooper, Meadville, Pa.

"The great difficulty here in the west seems to be the lack of contact between young people or their representative in one church with those in another. What is needed, I should say, is a western secretary who could give the time, attention and travelling energy required to make the Y. P. R. U. effective on this coast."

Dorothy Dyer, Berkeley, Calif.

On June 4 the Directors of the Y. P. R. U. voted to appoint Mrs. George Thompson (highly recommended by Mr. Speight, of Berkeley) as full-time Field Worker for the Pacific Coast. Is not the National Y. P. R. U. taking a step forward, now having in its employ *two full-time workers?*

Splendid reports were read from Miss Louise Henderson of Nebraska and Frederick West of Chicago. Greetings and best wishes came from our former president, Rev. Frederick May Eliot.

Young People's Week End

Isles of Shoals, July 17-19

July 17—	10.00 a.m.	Outdoor sports.
	3.00 p.m.	Young People's Conference.
	8.00 p.m.	Concert.
July 18—	9.30 a.m.	Communion Service.
	11.00 a.m.	Morning Service, Rev. Charles F. Potter.
	4.00 p.m.	Pageant, "Intellectual Liberty."
	8.00 p.m.	Address, Rev. Charles F. Potter.
July 19—	10.00 a.m.	Address, Rev. Paul S. Phalen.
	8.00 p.m.	Entertainment.

Through the courtesy of the Department of Religious Education, Miss Pfleghaar, Field Secretary, has been offered a scholarship to take the Summer Institute course at Chicago University, from June 21 to August 1. During her absence Mr. Henry Burkland will hold office hours on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from nine to ten, and Miss Blanche Cumings, on Saturday mornings from nine to eleven.

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Temperance Society, May 24th, was one of the most notable in the history of the society. At the noon luncheon, fifty guests, including officers and friends, assembled to discuss the year's program for the society.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot of the Advisory Committee suggested that an important work for the Society is to gather and present information with regard to the benefits of prohibition. He said that the Temperance Society is in a position to be of great benefit in this work, and suggested that the testimony of physicians, nurses, social workers, and those representing industrial interests be gathered and presented to the voters, to members of the state legislatures, and to Congress. This will do much to make our present laws permanent and secure their enforcement.

Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge outlined an educational campaign for the Society to include, first, the enforcement of prohibition and second, development of health control.

Drs. Eugene L. Fisk and Merrill E. Champion, at the public meeting which followed the luncheon, emphasized the value of linking prohibition with public health, suggesting that if the people once conceived the idea that Prohibition is an essential part of the public health campaign it will gain for prohibition many new supporters and at the same time be of inestimable value to the public health campaign itself.

President Christopher R. Eliot emphasized the need of more aggressive work on the part of the Society, and urged the importance of having active temperance committees in the local churches.

The Directors of the Society are planning conferences for the further discussion of these points and arrangements for carrying them into effect.